

Lower Oahe Waterfowl Access Areas 2014-15 Waterfowl Report

For the Week of January 12, 2015

MAIL SHACK CREEK AREA

A lot of Lake Oahe froze over with just a few pockets of open water being kept open by the waterfowl. Access into the parking areas are becoming difficult to get to with the blowing and drifting snow, however the south route into the south parking area should remain open for a while. The route from the north to the south parking area is blocked in several places, directions to get to the south parking lot are. 3 miles south on 281st Ave then west 2 miles on 191st St. then north 2 miles on 279th Ave and west on 190th St. Access into the north parking is blocked by snow at the main gravel road at the intersection of 188th St. and 279 Ave.

REGISTRATION AREA

Hunters in the decoy only registration fields have been reporting back with mixed results. The cold temperatures last week had the birds coming out late in the afternoon but with the warmer temperatures expected this week the birds should start coming out to feed earlier in the day.

To view the status of areas open or closed to hunting along with the types of crops in the fields at the bottom of the Lower Oahe page or by downloading the app to your smart phone.

PASS-SHOOTING AREAS

Reports from pass shooters over the weekend were mixed some did well while others couldn't get under many birds low enough to harvest.

SOLID AND STRIPED GREEN AREAS

The solid green area west of 1804 has slowed down largely due to the lake freezing over. The solid and striped green area east of Grey Goose Road continued to have a few flocks working in and around the fields last week with no hunter reports coming in. The striped green area in Stanley County remains slow with hunter reports coming in that the birds have not been making their way into the fields on a regular basis. Access into all of these areas remains good.

SUMMARY

Ice has formed on lot of Lake Oahe moving most of the birds down towards town. Hunters in the decoy only registration fields are reporting in with mixed results depending on the area they have chosen to hunt. Reports coming in are that the birds continue to decoy well into their spreads on most days.

The decoy loaner trailers have continued to be busy this month with them being used most weekends and several of the week days. The doodle pages to reserve these trailers are updated each Sunday; the page allows hunters to reserve the trailers up to two weeks in advance. Information about the trailers and how to reserve them along with the liability waiver that will need to be filled out and signed can be found on the Lower Oahe Waterfowl page below the link to this report.

The High Plains duck closes this week.

The last day hunters can harvest ducks will be Thursday January 15, 2015.

Information about the 25th Annual Central South Dakota Youth Goose Hunt on January 16, 17, 18 2015 can be found at the bottom of this report.



25th Annual Central South Dakota Youth Goose Hunt January 16-18

The Central South Dakota Youth Goose Hunt is a free waterfowl hunt held in Pierre, for youth hunters ages 12-15. There is an information meeting held on Friday, Jan 16. The hunt will take place Saturday and Sunday mornings.

How To Seminars by industry pro staffers, Saturday meals, and prizes for all youth hunters!

When: Jan. 16-18, 2015

- Jan 16- Informational meeting starting at 7 pm at the Pierre Ramkota
- Jan 17 - Day 1 hunt
- Jan 17 - Instructional Seminars starting at 7 pm at the Pierre Ramkota
- Jan 18 - Day 2 hunt

Where: Pierre, SD

Who: Boys and Girls between the ages of 12-15

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Space is limited!

The Ramkota is offering reduced room rates
for youth hunters!